

Henry II, Duke of Brabant

Henry II of Brabant (Dutch: *Hendrik*, French: *Henri*; 1207 – February 1, 1248) was Duke of Brabant and Lothier after the death of his father Henry I in 1235. His mother was Matilda of Boulogne.^[1]

Henry II supported his sister Mathilde's son, William II of Holland, in the his bid for election as king of Germany.^[1]

His first marriage was to Marie of Hohenstaufen (April 3, 1207–1235, Leuven),^[2] daughter of Philip of Swabia and Irene Angelina.^[1] They had six children:

- Henry III, Duke of Brabant (d. 1261)^[2]
- Philip, died young^[2]
- Matilda of Brabant (1224 – September 29, 1288),^[2] married:
 - Robert I of Artois, 14 June 1237, in Compiègne^[3]
 - before May 31, 1254 to Guy II of Châtillon, Count of Saint Pol.
- Beatrix (1225 – November 11, 1288), married:
 - at Creuzburg March 10, 1241, Heinrich Raspe, Landgrave of Thuringia;^[4]
 - in Leuven November 1247 to William III of Dampierre, Count of Flanders (1224 – June 6, 1251).
- Maria of Brabant (c. 1226 – January 18, 1256, Donauwörth),^[2] married Louis II, Duke of Upper Bavaria. She was beheaded by her husband on suspicion of infidelity.
- Margaret (d. March 14, 1277), Abbess of Valduc Abbey (Hertogendal).

His second marriage was to Sophie of Thuringia (March 20, 1224 – May 29, 1275),^[5] daughter of Ludwig IV of Thuringia and Saint Elisabeth of Hungary by whom he had two children:

- Henry (1244–1308), created Landgrave of Hesse in 1264.^[6]
- Elizabeth (1243 – October 9, 1261), married Albert I, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg

Henry II	
<div>Duke of Brabant</div> <div>Duke of Lothier</div>	
 <div>Henry's seal</div>	
Born	1207
Died	1 February 1248 <div> (aged 40–41)</div> <div>Leuven</div>
Buried	Villers Abbey
Noble family	Reginar
Spouse(s)	Marie of Hohenstaufen <div>Sophie of Thuringia</div>
Issue	Henry III, Duke of Brabant <div>Philip</div> <div>Matilda of Brabant</div> <div>Beatrice of Brabant</div> <div>Maria of Brabant</div> <div>Margaret</div> <div>Henry I, Landgrave of Hesse</div> <div>Elizabeth</div>
Father	Henry I, Duke of Brabant
Mother	Mathilde of Flanders

Henry died in Leuven, aged about 40.

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See also

- Dukes of Brabant family tree

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